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Good afternoon!

Please join us in congratulating the **Employee of the Month for July 2018**.

Congratulations to **William Sommer** from the **Office of Environmental Measurement and Evaluation**!

It's hard to believe that Will Sommer was converted only just this past winter from a Pathways student intern to a permanent employee. It's harder still to convey how essential he has become to the execution of EPA Region 1's mission in such a short time.

July is a great example. During the weeks of June 25th and July 11th he led a 6-person team that installed wells at Pownal Tannery using our Geoprobe systems and conducted groundwater and surface water sampling for PFAS compounds. On July 16th he participated in a Significant Industrial User sampling inspection a part of his learning curve to become a credentialed inspector. On the 17th he provided electrofishing support to NHDES on the Merrimack River. On the 19th he was part of a 4-person team conducting monthly water sampling on the Merrimack River in Amesbury, MA. In and around these field events he: 1) Coordinated supply purchasing for the Investigations Team 2) Conducted Investigations Team equipment maintenance; 3) Trained additional EIA and OSRR personnel on operating the Geoprobe and on

groundwater sampling techniques; 4) Trained an Ecology Monitoring Team intern on surface water sampling techniques 5) Provided ongoing support on the trial of the WIZ system (a new, advanced monitoring field device that conducts nutrient analysis); and 5) Provided continued support on records management.

How much was Will in demand in July? Part way during the month the management team had to convene a special meeting to set cross office procedures on scheduling Will's time.



This July Will Sommer has demonstrated his dedication, his drive, and his don't stop willingness to do whatever he can to protect the New England environment and its residents. his work is worthy of our recognition.

Congratulations on a job well done!

- Alex and Deb